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Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable

reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-15, 19, 20 and 22-25 remain in this application. Claims 5, 6, and 25

have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 18 and 21 have previously been cancelled. Due to an

interest in obtaining a patent with the allowed subject matter, Applicant elects to pursue

other rejected claims in a further application. Claims 1, 3, 16 and 17 have been

withdrawn in favor of a continuing application.

1. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 5-15, 19,

20 and 22-25. The claims have been rewritten in independent form including the base

claim and any intervening claim.

2. § 112 Rejections

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of the §112 1st

rejection in the final office action.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19, 20 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C.

§112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner asserts that claim 1 is

indefinite for reciting "adapted to". Claims 5 and 6, and any claim dependent thereon,

now include the limitations of independent claim 1. The term "adapted to" has been

deleted for clarification.

3. § 102 Rejections

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of the § 102

rejection.

4. Conclusion

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of record, Applicant

believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and

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patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims 5-15, 19, 20 and 22-25 and a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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